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Coffee County to construct & operate landfill

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The action taken in the Coffee County Commission's special meeting last Thursday evening (April 29) surprised many of those present.

In a split vote of 4 to 3, the commission voted to go ahead with the construction of a landfill in Coffee County.

Voting for the measure were: Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, Commissioners Sid Averett, Jack Hanson and Lawrence Creel. Opposing the motion were: Commissioners Wendell Black, Ernest Brooks and Bill Faulk.

On February 9, Coffee County was issued the state's first permit by ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) to build a Subtitle D regional (multi-county) landfill. The application process, from land acquisition, testing and design to final approval, has taken more than three years.

The landfill, or rather the site of the landfill, has been the topic of much discussion and controversy. An organization known as Concerned Citizens of Coffee County was formed by citizens to wage a campaign against the construction of a regional landfill at the proposed location.

The landfill construction site is

located on AL Highway 125 north-east of Elba in the Whitewater Community. The land is near the Whitewater Creek.

In Thursday evening's meeting, the motion was made by Stephens that the county construct and operate a Subtitle D landfill. His motion stipulated that the Coffee County Commission have total control of the landfill and its operation. The motion was second by Commissioner Averett.

Prior to making his motion, Stephens told those present, "All along I have been for taking our garbage out of the county."

He continued, "If I could have gotten four votes to do so, I would have brought it up, but I couldn't get the votes. Tonight, I am prepared to bite the bullet and get this thing moving before the deadline passes and we have no options at all."

The deadline set by the federal government for all solid waste to be disposed of in a Subtitle D landfill is October 9, 1993.

After passing the motion to construct the landfill, the commission gave its approval to authorize the sale of \$2 million in bonds to fund the project.

Commissioner Black was the lone dissenting vote on approving the bond issue. Black represents the district in which the landfill will be constructed.

"Only time will tell if the commission made the right decision to proceed with the landfill construction," said Black.

Commissioner Faulk, although he opposed the county owning and operating the landfill, voted for the issuing of the bonds to construct the facility. Faulk seemed to favor the commission's decision to have the Landfill Authority to oversee the construction and operation of the landfill.

The purpose of the Thursday meeting was to hear from the municipal officials from Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton and Kinston.

They were invited to attend and have input into the commission's decision as to whether or not the county would construct a landfill.

Some of those present voiced their opinion that the landfill should be constructed and its operation governed by a landfill authority. The authority would have been made up of representatives from the county and municipalities within the county.

Elba's Mayor Ricky Haywood expressed concern that not all the cities would participate, dump their garbage, in the landfill thus making the rates unaffordable for other possible users.

New Brockton's Mayor Kathryn Holley was pleased with the commission's positive step toward handling the county's solid waste.

"Garbage is something that we're not ever going to be able to completely do away with," Holley said.

Enterprise Councilman Al Miller commented after the meeting that he was pleased with the commission's decision to go ahead with the construction of the landfill. He feels the landfill will take care of the county's solid waste for several years.

No decision was made in Thursday's meeting concerning the matter of other counties or municipalities outside Coffee County using the landfill. However, there was reference made to placing a 400 ton per day limit on the amount of garbage that would be placed in the landfill.

Mark Pool, Coffee County's engineer, will have the task of constructing the facility.

Pool said, "I was shocked and caught off guard by the commission's decision in to go ahead with the landfill."

He stated that he was not prepared to begin work on the landfill immediately.

"Work on the landfill may not begin until the first of July," Pool said.



NATIONAL NURSES WEEK PROCLAIMED...The Mayor of Elba, Ricky Haywood, proclaims May 6 - 12, 1993 as Nurses Week in the City of Elba. The Elba General Hospital will be celebrating National Nurses' Day on May 6, 1993. Activities will begin with a luncheon for employees in the Department of Nursing. Door prizes, provided by local businesses, will be awarded during the luncheon. The announcement of the 1993 Nurse of the Year and the award presentation to this nurse will immediately follow the luncheon. The award of being selected Nurse of the Year is an honor to any nurse receiving this title since it is voted upon by her peers in the Department of Nursing. Pictured above are (l-r): Jan Wicker, director of nurses at Elba General Hospital; Ricky Haywood, mayor of Elba; Ellen Peterson, Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home administrator.

Elba's Freddie Hanchey matter unresolved

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Continuing unsolved personnel problems are blocking the abilities of the Elba elected officials to move forward in any unified way with other city projects.

The unresolved matter with former police chief Freddie Hanchey is the hottest item on the stove at this time.

The city council voted, by a 4-2 vote, on April 12th to reinstate Hanchey. The council voted to pay back wages (less money earned on his present job) and pay all attorney fees Mr. Hanchey had incurred relating to the termination effort. Voting not to reinstate Hanchey were Mayor Ricky Haywood and City Council member Earl McCollough.

The City of Elba does not have money in its budget to hire Freddie Hanchey to our Police Department, nor do I intend to hire him," wrote Haywood.

A letter written on April 26 by the law firm of Jared and Jared, who represent Hanchey, asked seven questions concerning the city council's vote to reinstate Mr. Hanchey. It gave the city ten days to respond or "Mr. Hanchey will be forced to file his claim in federal court."

At press time Tuesday, there was no scheduled special meeting of the city council to address the questions in the letter, which was actually addressed to City Attorney Mark Vaughan. Vaughan has been out of town for several days and unavailable for comment.

Copies of the letter were mailed to the five council members, Mayor Ricky Haywood and the insurance adjusters for the city's insurance carrier, Gay & Taylor, Inc.

Haywood responded to the letter with a letter of response on April 27th in which he wrote, "The City of Elba does not have money in its budget to hire Freddie Hanchey to our Police Department, nor do I intend

to hire him." Backing up Haywood's claim of the city not having money to hire Hanchey is the six month financial statement released at the last council meeting. It showed the police department salaries were almost \$24,000 over budget.

However the argument by Hanchey's attorneys is that the former chief is still officially a city employee and is due back pay and a job with the department.

Haywood sent copies of his letter to all receiving the April 26th letter plus Attorneys Bill Stokes and G. A. Lindsey.

The letter from the Jared firm asked:

1. Who will Mr. Hanchey answer to in the Police Department?
2. Will his retirement be reinstated and no loss of time of same due to his being wrongfully fired by the Mayor?
3. Will his seniority remain the same?
4. What will his rank be?
5. What assurance will he have as to his job security?
6. Is there any offer of a cash

settlement?

7. Will the City pay for the court reporter and furnish Mr. Hanchey with a copy of the hearing?

The letter from Jared & Jared

"This matter has gone on entirely too long for both the City and Mr. Hanchey. Our client would like to get on with his job and put this matter behind him..." Jared & Jared wrote.

continued: "As you know both the Mayor and the acting Chief of Police have allegedly stated Mr. Hanchey will not work with the Police Department again ... Without some clarification and assurance of job security Mr. Hanchey cannot accept this offer only to be fired again immediately by the Mayor or acting

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Dorsey Trailers & IAM members sign a 3-year labor agreement

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. and the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers (I.A.M.) Local Lodge #1769 have reached a three year labor agreement.

Covered under the contract are 850 bargaining unit employees for the company's Elba, Alabama trailer manufacturing plant.

Doug Allgood, Elba Vice President General Manager, indicates the agreement, reached after four weeks of intensive negotiations, includes a \$1.00 per hour increase in wages.

An immediate \$3.35 per hour increase followed by a \$3.33 per hour increase May 1994, and a \$3.32 per hour increase May 1995.

Mr. Allgood also indicated improvements were made in the employee group medical insurance program.

He stated, "Reaching this agreement is a compliment to all the people involved, including all employees who participated in the process."

"There are a lot of tough issues facing our industry today. By successfully working our way through our own issues, we are confident that we are prepared as a team to remain focused on our customer's needs."

Dorsey Trailers, Inc., one of the nation's leading over-the-road trailer manufacturers, is currently producing 41 units per day in the Elba facility.

A second Dorsey Trailers' plant is located in Northumberland, Pennsylvania. Corporate offices are located in Atlanta, Georgia.



New Brockton Council vote employees a raise

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

New Brockton's council meeting lasted a little longer than usual Monday evening.

The meeting agenda was rather short, but periods of discussion were lengthy. It appeared the meeting was coming to a conclusion shortly after 9 p.m., when the topic of raises came before the council.

At what seemed to be the conclusion of the night's meeting, Mayor Kathryn Holley was polling council members for any matters they wished to bring before the council.

Councilman Clinton Marler recommended to the council that a part-time employee of the street department be dismissed.

He told council members that this was a cost-saving measure and that the employee had served the town well. He further asked that if the measure did not work out that the employee be rehired or given first chance at the job. The council approved the measure.

After the council's approval of Marler's recommendation he then

made a motion to give a 50¢ per hour raise to a fulltime street department employee. This motion lingered before the council for quite a while before dying without a second.

Council members discussed Marler's motion at length even though it received no second. They all agreed that they would like to give the employee in question a raise, but they stated that if funds were available to give any raises at all, they would like to spread it out among all the town's employees.

Members of the council voiced their concern that all the town's employees were underpaid.

Marler repeatedly asked that the matter be dropped after his motion failed, but other council members refused to do so.

After about forty-five minutes of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Miles that all the town's hourly employees be given a 10¢ per hour raise. This involves nine (9) employees. The pay raise will amount to approximately \$144.00 per month increase in the town's payroll.

In other matters, the council ap-

proved monthly bills totaling \$7,961.16.

The council also approved paying Police Chief Charles Driggers' expenses to attend a 3-day police chief's conference in Gulf Shores, Alabama on May 26, 27 & 28.

Another matter concerning the chief of police was approved by council members. They adopted a vacation and sick-leave recommendation by the mayor after researching the matter with other towns.

The policy allows the chief to receive compensation time (comp time) after he has worked more than 42 hours in a week. The taking of comp time will be at the discretion of the mayor and/or the police commissioner.

The chief will receive one week (5 days) of paid vacation the first year of employment, and two weeks (10 days) for each year thereafter.

Concerning sick leave, the chief was granted five (5) weeks leave at full pay. In the event of an extended illness, an additional five weeks of leave will be granted at half pay.

At the end of the ninth week, the council will be called into session for approval or denial of any additional sick leave pay.

Sick leave will not be accumulated, therefore, it will not be carried over from year to year.

A new ordinance for the control, collection, and disposal of garbage and trash was adopted by the council.

The charges for garbage collection will be \$7.00 per month for residences and \$11.00 per month for businesses. The fee will be payable in advance.

Rubbish (trash) pick-up will cost residents \$2.00 per month and businesses will be charged \$5.00 per month. This will also be payable in advance. If yearly payments are made in advance, a discount of 10% will be allowed.

The ordinance states that garbage containers will be furnished by the garbage collection contractor and that all garbage must be placed in that container.

Collection of garbage/trash will be made not less than once a week in residential sections, and not less than twice a week in business section of town.

Several other stipulations are set forth in the ordinance and they may be read when the new ordinance is posted in city hall, and two other public places within the town.

The new ordinance becomes effective on June 4, 1993.

Before adjourning, the mayor was given approval to see that two of the town's police cars are repaired. The air conditioners and exhaust systems on both cars are to be put in working order. Cost estimates for the repairs was set at \$600.00.

Councilman Jack Caradine also asked for help in securing volunteers to work the concession stand at the recreation park. He received commitments from other council members to work and also to help in enlisting others to sign up.

MAY



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY...recently received literature and a video tape on the dangers of fire and fire safety in the home as well as other places. The presentation was made by State Farm Agent Kenneth Calhoun. The tape and literature is designed especially for elementary school age children. Calhoun (left) is shown above making the presentation to the Elba Elementary School Librarian Joanne Doggett (center). Principal Dale Crowe (right) was also present for the presentation.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

BOY SCOUTS RE-ORGANIZING...The Boy Scouts of America Troop 37 is re-organizing in Elba. A meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Elba United Methodist Church Educational Building. Boys 10½ years old or completing the fifth grade are invited to attend and sign up.

STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYOFFS...The Elba Tiger baseball team travels south to Mobile where they will play JMS-Wright in a best-of-three series in the state semi-finals. The games will be played at Baker High School with the first game at 3:00 p.m. Friday (tomorrow) and the second game at 6:00 p.m. The third game, if necessary, will be played at 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The winner will play for the class 3A state championship.

BRINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Several weeks ago the Elba police called us in those early morning hours when we are getting our best sleep... you know, just before time to get up. The police dispatcher apologized, but said they had a report of a UFO and thought we might be interested. Never having seen one of those things, we grabbed our pants, maybe a shirt, two cameras and away we went. When we got to the new schools where the police were waiting, we saw no UFO and our heart sank. Then the police officer on duty pointed to what the early morning caller had seen and it was the Morning Star! All fishermen and most children know that the planet Venus can be seen in the morning sky and is very bright this time of year. We didn't mind the call, even though it was a bit cool and windy on the hill at school. The only thing that rivals daybreak in South Alabama is some of the sunsets we can see near the end of a long day of fishing. However in springtime, we vote for the sights and sounds of daybreak.

On the matter of UFO's, the letters stand for Unidentified Flying Object. Taking this literally, if someone doesn't know what an object is, it is an unidentified flying object. We can all admit to not being able to identify everything we see. But the letters UFO have come to mean little green men from outer space and there we split from those who are "believers." We just don't think someone or something is coming down here looking us over. If there are worlds out there with beings smart enough to travel through space like that, they are smart enough to stay away from this nutty bunch of humans on earth!

Saturday morning we received a phone call from a citizen upset that city crews were on overtime and working on private property. A call to the mayor drew a blank, but he referred us to the police department which handles emergencies on weekends. When the dust settled, Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman came by the office and explained what was happening. He said a "blind" water line, left from the urban renewal project of the late 1950's was in the yard of Durrell and Jo Hudson and started leaking. This is the utility department's responsibility, regardless of where it is and they had to stop the leak that was flooding the yard. Coleman added that they would go back to the site during regular hours and attempt to get as much of the old pipe up as possible without digging under the highway. The bottom line is that this time we're going to fuss about the action... but keep those cards and letters coming.

The Coffee County Commission voted last week to operate the new landfill. Several options were available and various citizens were supporting each alternate. We are not smart enough to foresee the future and know for sure what was best for all concerned. We do see that some of the alternates they could have accepted are scary for Coffee County citizens, especially those who live within five or ten miles of the site North of Elba. Now that the decision has been made, we suggest that argument be dropped and all parties work to insure the landfill is operated and maintained in the safest manner possible. WasteAway held the public hearing for their new landfill near Brundage and we sure need to watch that site during regular hours and doesn't in fact become polluted from these two new dumping sites. The amazing thing about the Pike County site is that none of our Coffee County folks were complaining about that project, even though any drainage from it will come right through Coffee County!

REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1993



FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

"Lackluster 100 Days For Congress And Clinton"

Last Thursday marked the 100th day of the new Clinton Administration, an occasion which met with very little fanfare here in Washington. In fact, it turned out to be a rather disappointing day as Congress showed more interest in protecting the fin art of pork barrel spending than giving tax payers a break.

As a new congressman sent to Washington to fight for the people, the first four months have been a real challenge. From the outset, I've observed that House members want no deviation from business as usual. And why should they feel any different when our President tries to pass off the largest middle class tax increase in our nation's history and unrestrained spending as America's economic "cure-all"?

Take last Thursday for example. The House passed a porky line item veto bill in hopes of pulling another fast one on the American people. Congressional pork barrel spending continues to be one of the major causes of Federal deficit spending. Both Mr. Clinton and most of the House campaigned on the need for a law to allow a President to cut unnecessary pork spending from the Federal budget. But when given the opportunity to enact this law last week, the majority of the House ran like an addled duck to the aid of the deficit.

Instead, House liberals passed a flimsy two-year bill that would only allow the President to present Congress with a bundle of budget items he dislikes, and it would be up to Congress to follow through with the cuts. This is political deception plain and simple.

Especially for those who paid income tax April 15, the first 100 days of Clinton and the new Congress have certainly been nothing to celebrate. Americans thought they sent Washington a wake up call last November, but apparently many up here have very short memories.

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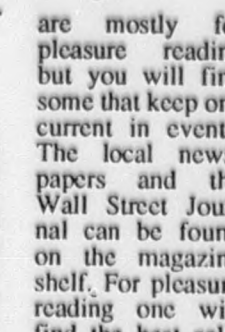
GUEST EDITORIAL

Local library serving needs of readers

by Doris Taylor
Librarian
Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library is one of the great improvements that was built as a result of the destruction caused by the 1990 flood. Not only is there a beautiful roomy building, thousands of new books, attractive furnishings, but the location has proven to be great for circulation. The number of registered members has exceeded expectations and circulation has tripled.

There is an ample reference area. Most any subject can be researched. Another popular area is audiobooks. The library has VCRs. Patrons who travel have found that taking along an audio tape helps to make the trip more pleasurable. The VCRs are also fair story, but there are some designed for improving reading and study skills. The magazines

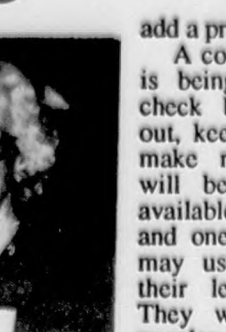


are mostly for pleasure reading but you will find some that keep one current in events. The local newspapers and the Wall Street Journal can be found on the magazine shelf. For pleasure reading one will find the best sellers. The library pays rent on most of these and should a book not appeal to the reader it can be returned. If it's popular the library can purchase the book at the end of the year at a discounted price.

The Elba Clipper and the Archives and History Department of Alabama gave the library The Elba Clipper on microfilm. The census records for Coffee County are also available. A reader was purchased to facilitate reading the film and the library is planning to

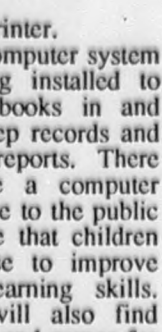


add a printer. A computer system is being installed to check books in and out, keep records and make reports. There will be a computer available to the public and one that children may use to improve their learning skills. They will also find puzzles and games for their use and enjoyment.



Another service the library offers is the use of the community room which can seat fifty people. It has a television, VCR, piano and kitchenette, which is furnished with the necessary items needed to serve refreshments. The library is arranged so the community room may be used after 11 hours or during the day.

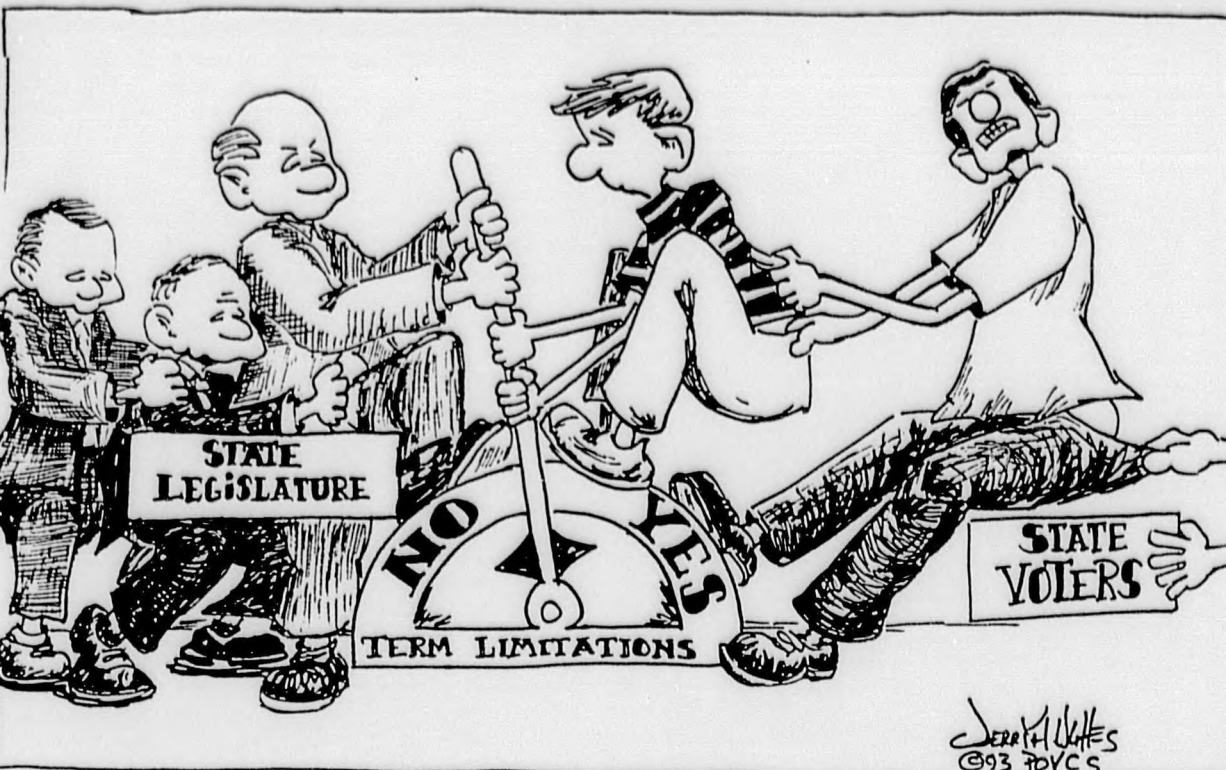
A summer reading program and story hour for children is to begin in June one day a week for



six weeks. The reading program is co-sponsored by the Alabama Public Library Service who selects the theme and furnishes some of the materials. This year the theme is "At's Amazing Summer Circus." The story hour is sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club.

Through the Cross Trails Regional Library, the Elba Library is connected to six other libraries in the area. By contacting Cross Trails any book in the area can be borrowed. If there is a need for a book not in the area, Cross Trails can go through the Alabama Public Library and locate the book.

The Elba Public Library has three workers working twenty five hours each week. It ranks fifth in the area for number of workers and hours open. There have been requests for the library to open at least one night per week and on Saturday, but until now no changes have been made.



STATE SENATOR E.C. "CRUM" FOSHEE REPORTS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL



I can not remember a time when Montgomery has been in a state of turmoil, but everyone is working together to bring stability back to state government.

The last two weeks have seen historic and unprecedented changes in the government's office, state agencies, and the Alabama Senate. It has almost been like riding a political roller coaster with a new challenge at every hill and curve.

The shock of former Gov. Guy Hunt's conviction and subsequent removal from state office has not yet worn off, but it has been overshadowed by the steps that now Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. is taking to get state government back on track.

As I told you last week, I am committed to working with Gov. Folsom and the new Cabinet members he has appointed. It is time to move the state forward, we have got to put these unfortunate circumstances behind us and begin to concentrate on the positive aspects of Alabama. The finest, hardest

working people in this country live here. We still believe in taking care of our children and our grandparents. We still believe in helping one another, we still believe in speaking to our neighbors and sharing a pot of turnips or a cup of sugar. We have got to use the strength that has helped us persevere in other trying times and move forward.

This is not a political issue. This is a people issue. The very future of this state depends on how we handle this crisis. Regardless of whether we are Democrat or Republican, male or female, black or white, young or old, you are an Alabamian. I am working with my colleagues in the Legislature, Senate President Ryan de Graffenried, and Gov. Folsom to ensure that everything that has happened, the final days of this session will be even more chaotic, tense and difficult.

Keep in touch and please let me know if I can be of help.

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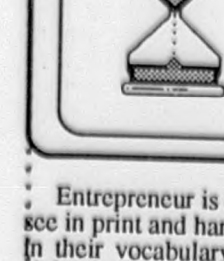
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Remembering With Jake

By Jake Bonneau



Entrepreneur is a word we seldom see in print and hardly anyone uses it in their vocabulary. It means a far-sighted person that sees a need for services or goods that is not being supplied. He or she is smart enough to see the opportunity to supply that need for mutual satisfaction. In other words, they make money and the people get what they need or want.

That is what occurred when the first "rolling store" came into being. The roads were bad and hardly any transportation, except mules and wagons. This was an area composed mostly of small farms, a man could only handle 40 acres of land with his wife and children. There was even his wife helping when she could find time. After picking the garden vegetables, preparing them, building a fire around the wash pot to boil the wool clothes, drying them on the fence wire nearby, she still helped when she found the time.

Of course, many times there were children to attend to also. Many a baby was born with the help of neighbors and on occasion it happened so fast that the husband was the only help available.

Of course, there were some farms much larger. Most of those had tenant farmers, they lived in small houses built for them on the place. They worked on a share system. The owner furnished the land, mule, plow, etc., and they shared the cost of seed, fertilizer and when the crop was sold they got one half of the profit.

F. M. "Tup" Wise was one of the big farmers. I remember the biggest of all was the Boyd-Wise Farms about 10 miles or so down the Samson road. There were people that were born and grew up to work there until they died. Their entire lives were on the more than 1,000 acres of cultivated land. All done with the share croppers, mules, and plows, and maybe a few hired hands.

Dr. John Mason Kimmy and I usually sit together at Sunday morning church. On a recent Sunday morning, we both agreed a little early and I told him I was going to write about the "rolling stores" of New Brockton. He said the first rolling store was right here in Elba and he drove it in the summer when he was out of college in the early 1920's. Of course, we could not talk anymore in church, but I called him on Monday to learn more. Dr. Kimmy was born May 2, 1903. He went to the University of Alabama from 1922 to 1926. He then went to a fine medical college, Emory, in Georgia from 1928 to 1930 to receive his medical degree.

I have always thought that a person had but one obligation "To leave this world a little better than you found it." Dr. Kimmy did that many years ago and didn't stop. With his expert medical skills, his compassion, and loving care for his patients, his good humor and feel for doing the correct thing at all times is unsurpassed. In 1952, Elba had no hospital and no where for mothers to give birth to their children. He built a clinic with a delivery room and 2 rooms for mother and child. He built it on Putnam Street where his mother and father's home had been. He named it "Johnny Kimmy Memorial Center," after his son that was killed in an accident while on his way home for a weekend visit from the University of Alabama.

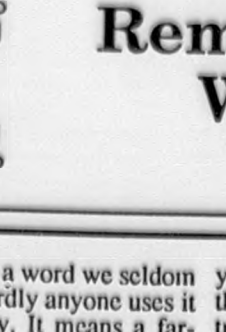
The clinic had been opened when his first pregnant mother appeared. In keeping with doing a superb job, John Taylor Young appeared with his wife, Mrs. Mary Young, and the first births took place, not 1 but 2. Twin girls were born on October 4, 1952. They were Ian and Ann Young. Doc always did do things right.

English Mercantile Co. was located on the north side of the square where Elba Florist is now. It was owned by J. J. English and operated with his sons: Oscar, who married Lucy Kimmy, Lee who married Lucy Brunson, and John Wiley, who married Alice Ham.

Mercantile denotes trader and that is what they did. They carried a large variety of goods. There was little cash money in those days so they did what was called a "Furnishing Business." They supplied a farmer with his needs until his crop was sold in the fall, after harvest time and he could repay them, of course with interest, for the debt.

I was born December 12, 1919 and I knew nothing of the business world in the 1920's but did know of the 15 or more rolling stores that ran out of New Brockton in the 1930's.

I was not aware that the English Co. had had the way. They bought a Model T Ford truck and had an enclosed body built on it. They stocked it with the essentials of living in that day and time. The roads were all unpaved and hardly any transportation, except mule and wagon. When what you needed was coming in front of your house it made you feel lucky to have something so easy. It saved you the hard trip to town to get what was required, and that certainly was not luxuries, but bare necessities. The



young John Mason Kimmy drove the store, but you had to have a mate, well-informed person that knew not only the price of his merchandise, but the value of everything the farmer had to swap for your goods. Very little cash changed hands.

Lee English was the person in charge of the swaps. The store stocked coffee, sugar, flour, meal, tobacco, snuff, needles, thread, and couple of bolts of cloth. They carried about 200 pounds of bread from Boutwell Bakery. That sold for 10¢ a loaf and was a real treat. No one had light bread. It was not different from the homemade biscuits and corn bread everyone used. Of course, the bread was not sliced. No one had ever thought of that. When the 1930 flood occurred, I had two knives made for slicing bread. One was serrated and the other had a wavy blade. Both worked well.

Some of the items most commonly used in that better society were chickens, eggs, syrup, skins of trapped animals including coons, possums, even polecats. The truck body was high enough to make ground that the chicken coops were anchored underneath. Many branches made for a good meal. The chickens had to be fed. If the man had chickens had to be run high, the chickens had to be moved until they were crossed. The store was high enough to make a profit. The one that was brought in and never found a sale for was a large ball of bees wax.

The flood of March 14, 1929 went through the back of the store and out the front and carried most of the contents with it.

Bob Cooper and Andrew started another store in the same building and Lee English worked for them. am not aware of the time this place was in existence. People should know the flood delivered to Elba a devastating blow. There was no Federal Government and any governmental help of any kind. Some people received help from the Red Cross. My parents ate at the Red Cross Soup Kitchen while they were trying to bring Corinne and I back from Greenville, but my father never received any other help.

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We Get Letters.....

Alabama's Irony

Webster's Dictionary defines "irony" as, "Incongruity between the actual result of a sequence of events and the normal or expected result."

With this definition in mind, let's evaluate how "Alabama's Irony" became the title of this writing.

On April 22, 1993 a Montgomery County District Court jury found Alabama's Governor Guy Hunt guilty of spending his campaign contributions for personal matters. Whether he broke the law or not has nothing to do with this writing. The irony of the conviction is that a large number of Alabama's elected officials have been spending their campaign contributions, and any of our tax dollars they could get their hands on, ever since we have been electing them.

One Governor we elected stated he was going to steal from us in his campaign. He said he was going to knock some of the other hogs' heads out of the trough so he could get his own head in. Thus, the irony is that a few decades later we get this same Governor's son sworn in to replace his father.

One Guy Hunt who was convicted of stealing his own money! If it wasn't his money, who's was it, pray tell? It wasn't our tax money.

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Social Happenings

Logan-Clark United In Holy Matrimony On March 13th



Mrs. Logan

Miss Harper Entertained With Recipe Party

On Saturday afternoon, April 24, Mrs. L.A. Boyd, III, Mrs. Joe Ann 1993, the home of Mrs. Jake L. Mor. King, Mrs. Marion Brunson, Mrs. row was the setting for a Favorite Recipe Party honoring Tiffany Harper, bride-elect of Stephen Blount.

Tiffany was beautiful in a two-piece floral ensemble. A carnation corsage complemented her outfit. A basket of rolled coupons with a wedding color ribbon, royal blue and white, and a Land O' Lakes Cook Book.

Other hostesses were Mrs. Tony Brunson, Mrs. Harold Kelley, Mrs. Jack Prescott, Mrs. Charles Ellis, and Mrs. Oscar Jones, and Mrs. George Grider.

Lori Clark and Rob Logan were united in marriage, on March 13, at the First Baptist Church of Elba, Dr. J. Douglas Dorich, Jr. officiated the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark of Elba and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horace Logan of Oriskany.

Though the snow pictured winter outside, the church sanctuary resembled a natural spring garden. The choir area aglow with candlelight, held a fifteen branch candelabra flanked by spiral candelabra and seven branch candelabra. Additional spiral candelabra outlined the choir rail. Nine branch candelabra accented either side of the altar. Boston fern, ficus trees, and palm adorned the choir loft, the piano, and organ rails. A large European arrangement consisting of white gladioli, calla lilies, enchanted lilies, and curly willow was the focal point of the choir area. The double prayer bench with matching natural flowers centered the platform. The pew markers were natural floral arrangements carrying out the theme of the choir focus. The windows were adorned with ceru candles, love doves, and greenery.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

The elegant gown, chosen by the bride, was of candlelight satin accented with silk velvet lace, seed pearls and iridescent. Leg-of-mutton sleeves featured motifs of silk velvet lace and ended with tulle points over the wrists. Her basque fitting sweetheart bodice was embellished with pearls and iridescent. The sheath skirt, accented with a full trumpet bottom extended into a semi-cathedral train, encircled with a scalloped border of lace. The deep scalloped back was enhanced with a candy box bow.

Complimenting the gown was a bow style cathedral veil covered in matching satin. Delicately accentuating the alercon lace were pearls and iridescent sequins.

The bride carried a cascade of dendrobium orchids, Lady Liberty roses, freesia, and Queen Anne Lace.

Nuptial music was presented by W. Martin Gray, Jr., organist; Ella Kate Ham, pianist; Rob Hudson, vocalist, all of Elba and Lesley Ham, vocalist of Pensacola, FL. Handbell performers were: Lyn Baker, Mary Gray, Rhonda Brunson, Jane Brunson, Melanie Roberson, Renita Marler, Kaye Dubisar, Mary Cash, Rachel Byrd, and Jack Brunson, all of Elba.

Robert Horace Logan, father of the groom, served as best man.

Jenny Logan, sister of the groom, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were: Jeannie Clark, Kim Kelley, Daphne Donaldson, Susan Manning, Karen Benton, and Karen Wright.

They wore floor length, two-piece dresses of peacock blue, shimmering. The ensemble featured a straight skirt and a fitted jacket with a bateau neckline, short sleeves, and pearl buttons. The maid of honor wore a coordinating ensemble in raspberry. Each attendant carried a hand-held stemmed bouquet of calla lilies, bear grass, and asparagus fern.

Groomsmen were: Samuel T. Benton, III, H. Dow Clark, Jr., Burton J. Darwin, John T. Eason, Jr., Joseph L. Lasater, Jr., Ronald M. Maund, Larry J. Pitman, Jr., and James B. Sheffield.

The groomsmen were attired in black tuxedos with ivory shirts and black cummerbunds. Accented the tuxedo jackets were white rose bud boutonnieres.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. James Grimes.

A reception, hosted by the bride's parents and friends, was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony.

Cary Clark, Mrs. Robert Clark, and Tammy Hudson attended the guest registry, James and Laurie Cook were wedding program attendants.

The couple is making their home in Montgomery, AL.

Donaldson-Clark Cousin Reunion To Be Held

The Bruce and Emma Page Donaldson and the William (Bill) and Mary Ann Clark's Annual Cousins Reunion will be Saturday, May 15th at Gran's Restaurant in Frisco Community. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. No invitations are being sent.

Don't Forget
Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th



Pictured from L to R: Mrs. Clara Doster, Ms. Dotie Simmons, Mrs. Ramona Hardwick - mother of the groom, Mrs. Jessica Hardwick - honoree, Mrs. Julia Phillips, Mrs. Gussie Adams, Mrs. Gladys Yelverton and Mrs. Sylvia Terrell.

Mrs. Jessica Hardwick Honored With Bridal Shower

Mrs. Jessica Hardwick, recent bride of Mr. Andy Hardwick, was honored with a bridal shower on April 24, 1993, in the home of Mrs. E.J. Yelverton.

Mrs. Yelverton welcomed the guests and introduced them to the hostess, Mrs. Ramona Hardwick.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

The refreshment table in the dining room was decorated with a mauve tablecloth overlaid with a white lace cloth. A crystal punch bowl was in the center of the table surrounded by crystal trays. Punch and party delicacies were served.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a microwave.

Assisting with Mrs. Yelverton as

hostesses were: Mrs. Henry Rowe, Mrs. Clauzel Eiliard, Mrs. Ken Yelverton, Mrs. Gussie Adams, Mrs. James Doster, Mrs. Tommy Robinson, Mrs. Ruby Stinson, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs. W. C. Tillis, Mrs. Rose Magwood, Mrs. Sylvia Terrell and Mrs. Dotie Simmons.

Mrs. Hardwick received many nice and useful gifts.



Miscellaneous Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Michael James

The home of Mrs. Jerry Culver 3061 Salem Rd., Enterprise, AL, was the setting of a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Mrs. Charlotte James, wife of Mr. Michael James, on March 27, 1993.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Culver at the door which was beautifully decorated with traditional wedding bells. Upon entering the door, the guests were presented to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Mary Sue Dawson and the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Lee Eta Robinson.

The guests were registered by Mrs. Joyce Adair, sister of the honoree. They were then led into the dining room and served refreshments from a beautiful decorated table adorned with a white lace table cloth. The table was centered with a crystal punch bowl surrounded by mauve curtains. Finger sandwiches, nuts, mints and wedding cookies were served for the guests to enjoy with their punch.

The gifts were displayed in the beautiful guest bedroom. The hostesses presented the honoree with a delicate set of china with a mauve and black design.

Assisting Mrs. Culver as hostesses were Mrs. Jessie Daniels, Mrs. Janice Cole, Mrs. Bernice Culver, Mrs. Vivian Cole, Mrs. Porchia Jones, Mrs. Louise Jackson, Mrs. Delores Williams, Mrs. Betty Refegee, Mrs. Nadie Fuller, Mrs. Cindy Carnley, Mrs. Doris Waters and Mrs. Hazel Parker.

Miss Bryan & Mr. Dunn Announce June Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Moore announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Paula Sue Bryan to James Waylon Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Killough of Opp, AL. Miss Bryan is the daughter of the late Billy Bryan, Paula is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simp Walker of Glenwood, AL and Mrs. Aleus Bryan and the late late Aleus Bryan of Elba, AL. She is a 1983 graduate of Bradley High School, Brantley, AL. She is presently employed with Alfa Insurance Company of Montgomery as a Premium Finance Clerk.

Waylon is the grandson of Mrs. Annie H. Phillips and the late Jessie Lee Phillips of Opp, AL and the late Willie Eugene Dunn of Kinston, AL. He is a 1982 graduate of Opp High School, Opp, AL and is employed with Shaw Industries of Andalusia, AL.

The wedding will be held June 1993 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at Westview Baptist Church in Opp, AL.

There will be a reception held in the fellowship hall of the church immediately following the wedding.

No invitations are being mailed to all family members and friends are invited to attend.

Deadline For Social & Church News Is MONDAY!

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JACKSON TAYLOR ISON Jackson Taylor Ison was born April 1, 1993 at Tacoma, Washington. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20" long. Parents are Jack D. and Talitha Brunson Ison.

Grandparents are Foyel and Cecilia Brunson of Pinckard, AL and Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Ison of Naples, Florida.

Great grandparents are the late Comer and M. E. Brunson of Elba, AL and Cecil and Rita Morgan of Orange Beach, AL.

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Community Happenings

Bailey Harrelson Celebrates 1st Birthday



Bailey Harrelson

are Carlie Floyd and Douglas and Foy Harrelson, all of Elba. Great grandmothers are Bertha Harrelson and Boncille Hudson, both of Brantley.

Christian Women's Club To Meet May 10th

The May luncheon for the Wiregrass Christian Women's Club will be held May 10th from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at the Colony Inn, 630 Glover Ave., Enterprise, AL.

The "Sail Into Summer" luncheon will offer a special feature Fashion Show presented by Bealls Department Store. "Sunny Sounds" will feature Ronnie McCaslon, local talented soloist and Words of Sunshine will be given by Jean Ann Campbell

from Sylacauga, AL.

Reservations for this luncheon are essential before Monday, May 10th. Please call Cindy at 347-5185 or Donna at 347-6065 to make your reservations.

A nursery for preschoolers is provided by reservation only. Wiregrass Christian Women's Club has no dues or membership. Everyone is invited to attend.

Scott Leiter Wins Honors

Scott Leiter is the son of Charles and Elena Leiter, and formerly of Elba, AL. Scott now lives with his family in Waverly, Iowa and attends Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

Recently, Scott participated in the FFA Public Speaking Leadership Competition. He achieved the following honors with his speech on "Hydroponics": he won a silver medal in the sub-district competition and advanced to the district competition where he won a gold medal and from there advanced to the state competition and won a bronze medal.

Scott was also presented an FFA Achievement Award for Career Skills and Leadership and FFA Proficiency Awards for small animal production, in which he used chinchillas, and public speaking.

Scott was also honored by the Iowa Reading Association for his short horror story, "Now What Beasts." After winning first prize for the tenth grade in a 3 county area, Scott went on to win second prize state wide.

Linda Bush Inducted Into Gamma Beta Phi

The University of Southern Mississippi staged a ceremony April 22 to honor its top students for their various academic achievements including an Elba resident.

A top women's fashion executive and Hazlehurst native addressed the honorees at a 10:00 a.m. convocation in USM's Bennett Auditorium for the restoration of which brought the university a Mississippi Historical Society Award earlier this year. Nina

Elize McLemore, senior vice president of corporate development for Liz Claiborne Inc., shared some of her secrets of success with the gathering of honored students and their families.

Linda L. Bush of Elba was inducted into Gamma Beta Phi, an honorary and service organization for students in the top 20 percent of each class. Bush is the daughter of Horace M. and Margaret B. Wyatt.

Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter Invites Young Ladies To Become Debutantes

The Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority biennially sponsors a Debutante Cotillion. The sorority offers training to these young ladies in the areas of spirit, culture, intellect, and social graces. Recently, thirty students at Elba High School received a letter inviting them to become debutantes.

Those invited were as follows: Annie Austin, Tiffany Burks, Conalissa Caldwell, Catherine Carpenter, Tomika Coleman, Tristee Coleman, Komiko Daniels, Alice Hammonds, Larkia Hammonds, La Donna Head, Florette Jackson, Tammy Knight, Delores Martin, Rosalyn McBride, Evonne Rayborn, Gaysha Rodgers, Shalandra Rogers, Tamara Rowe, Dee Dee Siler, Jamelle Siler, Loretta Smith, Beth Stoudermire, Kanahesia Tyson, Malinda Tyson, Melissa Vaughan, Velma Whitfield, Miranda Williams, Shaketha Williams, Arcatha Wright, and Makenzie Young. There was a meeting on May 5 at the Enterprise Civic Center for these young ladies. Those who attended received more information on becoming a Debutante of the Alpha Pi Chi Sorority.

Sale Still In Progress Ends May 8th

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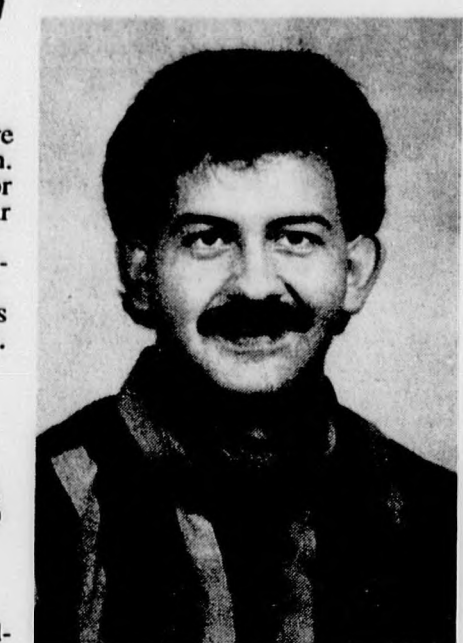
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Carl Sharitt

Carl Sharitt Places 2nd In State At VICA Skills Olympics

Carl E. Sharitt of Mobile, Alabama, placed second in the state at VICA Skills Olympics-Mechanics Division held recently in Montgomery. He is the son of Ann Waters Dewberry of Mobile and the late Carl Sharitt of Birmingham. He is a senior at Theodore High School. After graduation, he plans to attend school in Arkansas.



John W. Watson

John W. Watson Graduates With Honors From Auburn

John W. Watson of Elba graduated with academic distinction from Auburn University at Auburn, Alabama on March 19.

Watson, a cum laude graduate, received a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering.

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Epsilon honoraries. He received the R. J. Bailey and H. T. King scholarships and was named the agricultural engineering Student of the Year. He is the son of Louise and Joyce Watson of Elba.

To graduate cum laude, students must maintain an overall 3.4 grade point average.

Senior Citizens Of Cordelia Street Meet

by Wanda Sasser

Such a beautiful day when the senior citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly meeting on April 29 at the HRDC building on Factory Street. It was really hard to stay inside, so some of the members walked to various stores. Several of our folks who have been sick were with us again, but some were still out. Some played dominos and others visited and caught up on the news. Talk was about flowers and gardens. What a feast there was for the following:

Ailene English, Mary Sutley, Mattie Lou Goodson, Iris McDowell, Frank and Lennie McCullough, Zedie Royer, Bonnie Wesley, Roshia Blanton, Refina Grimes, Tony Alcuria, Ervin Blackman, Frances Shaleno, M. Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

Miss Harper Entertained With Dinner Party

In honor of her upcoming wedding, Tiffany Harper, bride elect of Stephen Blount, was entertained with a dinner party on April 24, 1993 in the home of Carolyn and Bill Stokes. Also serving as hosts were Mott and Joe Meacham.

Upon arrival guests were served wine in silver wine goblets. The artistically decorated hors d'oeuvres served were stuffed snow pea shells, meat balls, caviar on a cucumber slice, stuffed cherry tomatoes, and toasted nuts.

To continue the Chinese theme, the guests enjoyed serving themselves from a buffet table loaded with an assortment of prepared Chinese dishes. These dishes included sweet and sour pork, chop suey and stir fry chicken. A slice of cheese cake beautifully decorated with a colorful miniature umbrella and a slice of kiwi fruit was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Chinese lanterns decorated many focal points throughout the house, as well as table arrangements with an oriental touch.

Tiffany wore a lovely purple linen dress accented with purple buttons. Her accessories were pearl jewelry and bone shoes. She was presented with a beautiful china tea set by the hosts.

Rice Bag Luncheon Held For Miss Harper

The imposing oaks, the stately home, and the sunny day were welcoming attributes as several friends and relatives of Tiffany Harper gathered with her at Genette Kendrick's for a rice bag luncheon co-hosted by Mary Ruth Perdue, Helen Rainer and Jean Vaughan.

At 11:30 guests began arriving and were invited into the living room for appetizers, served in gleaming crystal flutes.

Adding flavor to the party atmosphere were colorful arrangements of spring flowers centering the dining table and the smaller tables scattered about the living room and sunroom areas.

After dining on hot chicken salad in paper shells, lightly spiced apricot salad, and rolls, petite cheese cakes and lemon squares topped with kiwi were passed.

The honoree and guests then sat about making rice bags tied with royal blue ribbon which were arranged in a wicker basket, a gift from the hostesses, and presented to the bride-to-be.

This event took place on April 24, exactly 21 days before the big event.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SENIOR LEE HUNTER COLEMAN of Elba was presented Distinguished Undergraduate Scholar Award for 1992-93 during Honors Day ceremonies April 16 at the University. The award is given by the College of Arts and Sciences. Coleman, a straight A student, is majoring in psychology and minoring in English.

Along with honors received at the April 16 ceremony, Coleman was recognized during other Honors Week events as the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Psychology Major Award and a senior honor class graduate.

Lee Coleman, the son of Nelda J. Coleman of Elba and Gerald G. Coleman of Montgomery, is pictured above with Dr. James Yarbrough, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Twenty-three graduates of the Practical Nursing Program of Douglas MacArthur State Technical College were honored during a traditional Pinning Ceremony on Tuesday, March 2, 1993. Mrs. Marlene Miller RN, operating room supervisor at Mizell Memorial Hospital addressed the graduates and guests. Mrs. Miller commended the students on their choice of the nursing profession and challenged the students to strive to be an asset to the program. Pictured are winter quarter graduates of the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College Practical Nursing Program. Seated: (left to right) Sylvia Leverington, Paula Nicholson Paulk, Dorothy Murice, Mary Hurst, Menda Darnaka Coleman, Carmen Cribbs, Rianetta Rucker, Second row: Albia Duvall, Cynthia Bearden, Pat Ralied, Christy Thompson, Debra Hart Smith, Lisa Hammett, Roxann Hinson, Ruby Jo Recco, Back row: Sarah E. Fuller, Virginia Williamson, Melissa Davis, Aretha Wright, Harley Routley, Michelle Norris, Brenda Patterson.

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Front row, left to right: Stevenson Clark, Peaches Jackson, and Ryan Ward. Back row, left to right: Raymond Waters, Joey Bae, Joe Stoudermeire, and Chris Parker.

by Tiffany Tew & Leah Crowe

Stevenson Clark Stevenson is the 17 year old son of Peggy Clark. He is a junior at Elba High School and is on the Special Olympics Track and Field Team. Stevenson attends Bethlehem Baptist Church. Stevenson enjoys rapping, watching 90210, making music tapes, and going to wrestling matches.

Peaches Jackson Peaches is the 17 year old daughter of Lanise Jackson. She is a sophomore at Elba High School and is on the Special Olympics Rhythmic Gymnastics team. Peaches enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, and watching sports on TV.

Ryan Ward Ryan is the 17 year old son of Robert and Sharon Ward. He is a sophomore at Elba and is on the Special Olympics Track and Field Team. Ryan enjoys anything to do with sports, especially playing football and basketball. He enjoys going to basketball, basketball, and football games, and watching sports on TV.

Raymond Waters Raymond is the 17 year old son of Raymond and Pearlina Waters. He enjoys watching and hanging out with friends.

Joe Bae Joe is a junior at Elba High and the son of Tom and Betty Thompson. He is a member of the Special Olympics Volleyball team and a manager for the Elba Tiger football team. Joe's hobbies include playing basketball, watching football and softball games, and hanging out with friends.

Joe Stoudermeire Joe is the 16 year old son of Joe and Jaisy Mitchell. Joe's hobbies are playing kickball, going to church, and watching TV. He is a member of the Special Olympics Volleyball team and the Special Olympics Track and Field team. He attends the Church of Jesus Christ.

Chris Parker Chris is a junior at EHS and the son of Hazel Parker. He is a member of the Special Olympics Volleyball team and the Track and Field team. He attends New Zion Baptist Church. Chris enjoys talking to his friends.

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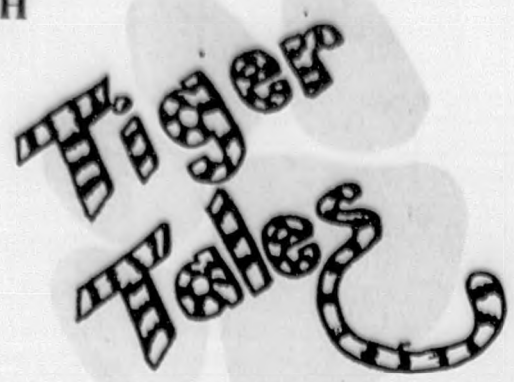
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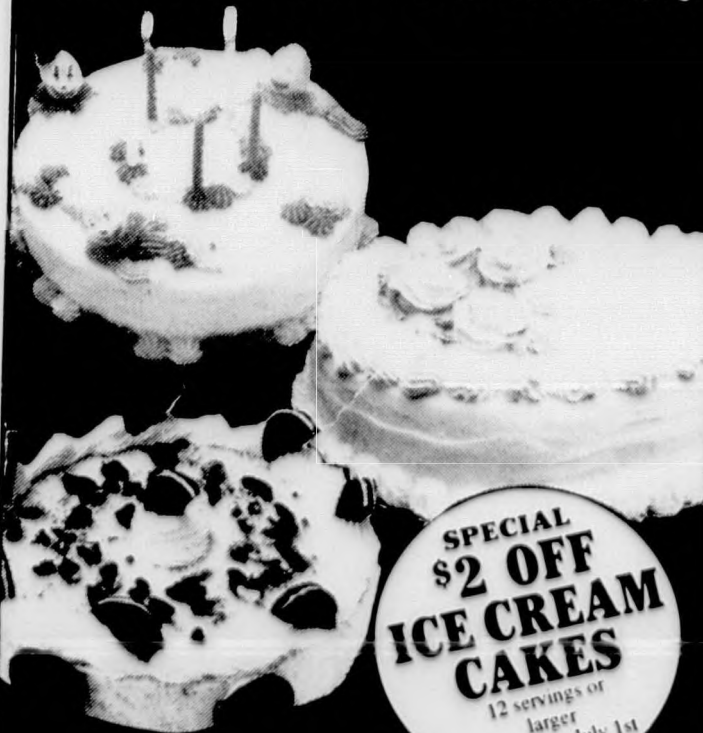
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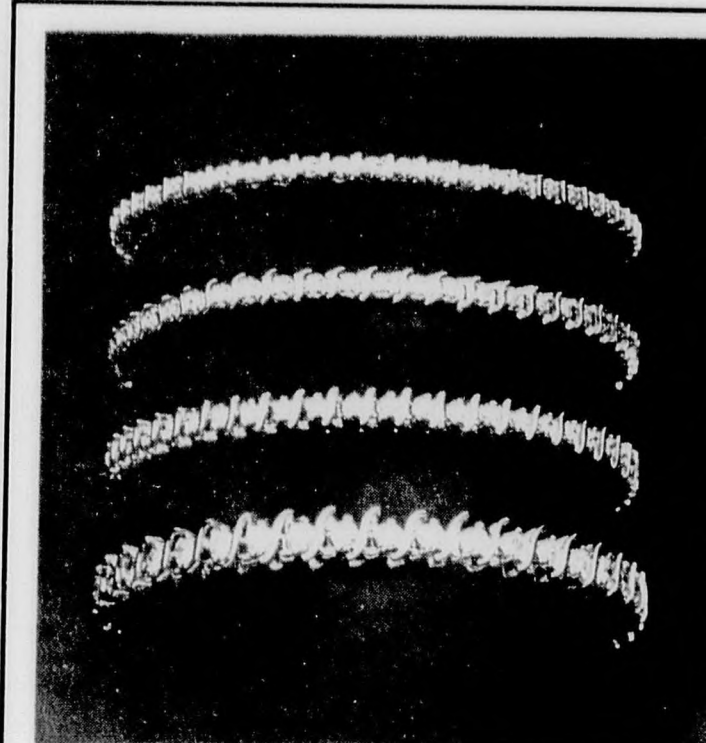
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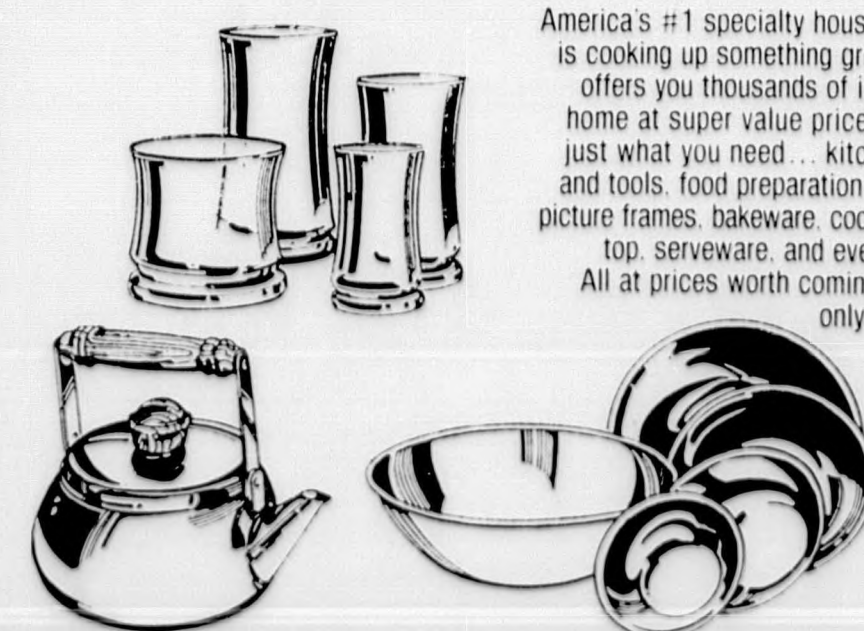
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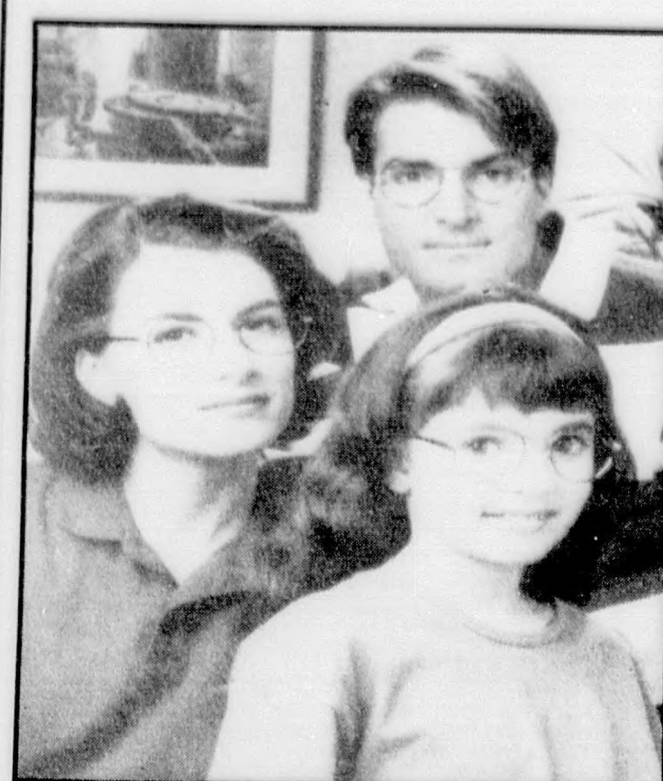
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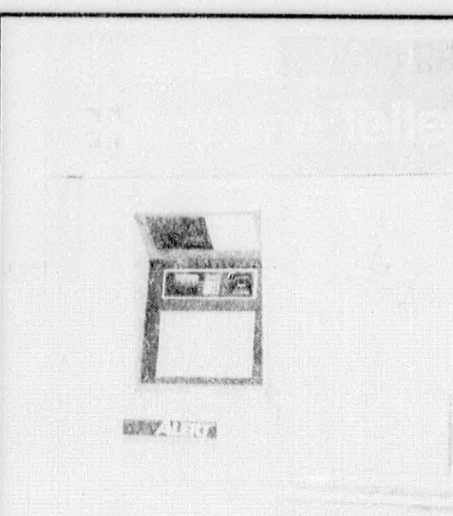
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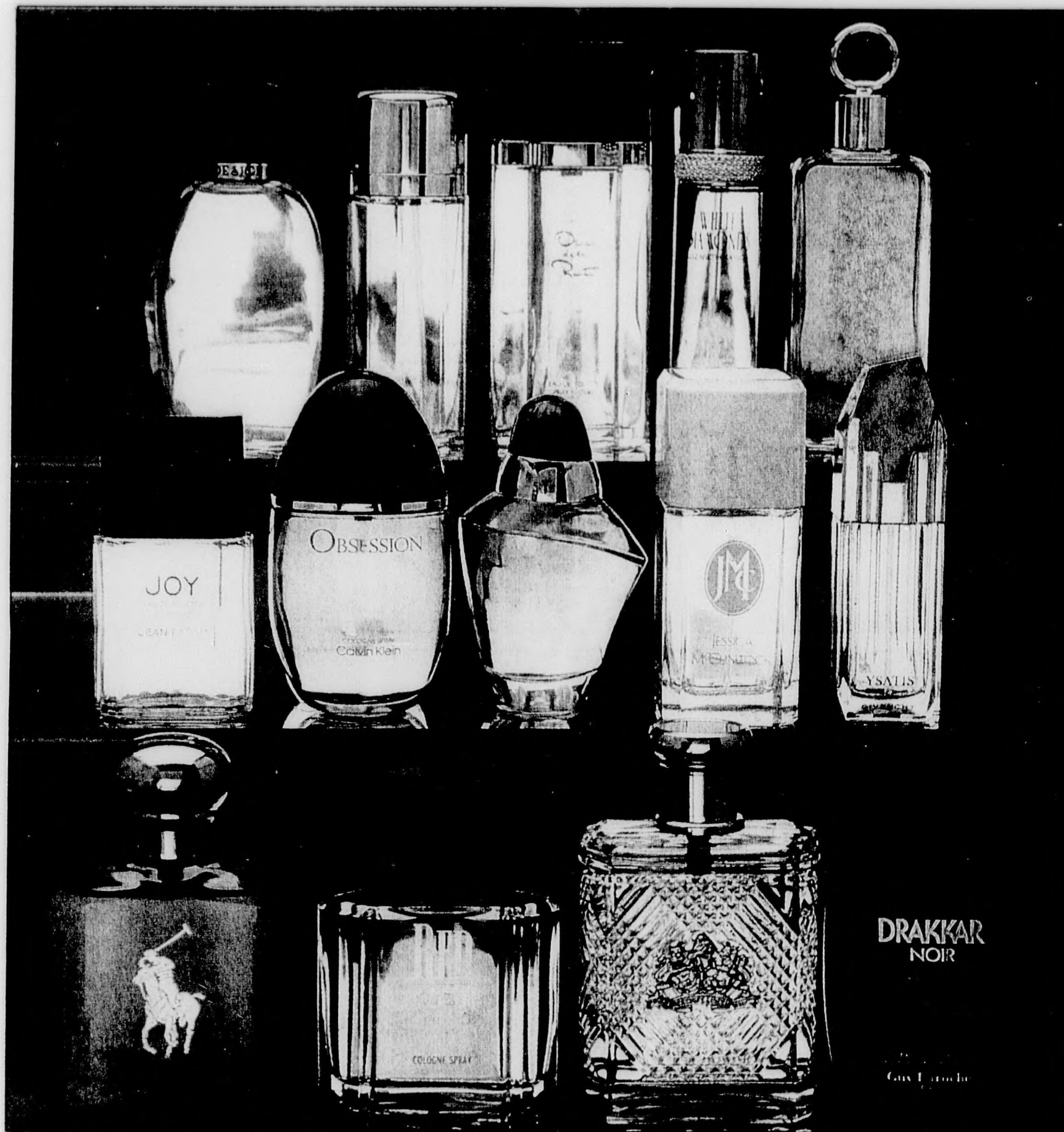
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City council lowers speed limit on Herman Driggers Drive

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Motorist on Herman Driggers Drive will soon be driving at 45 miles per hour if they want to stay within the law. The Elba City Council approved such a request by Council member Earl McCollough Monday night. The speed reduction had the full approval of Police Chief Jack Parker.

In making the motion, McCollough reported that the police have clocked drivers at 70 miles an hour on that short stretch of road. The motion to lower the speed limit from the statewide 55 MPH was approved unanimously by the city officials in a roll call vote. The

45 MPH limit will begin at the city limits on Herman Driggers Drive and continue to the intersection with Smith Avenue. The slower limits will become law as soon as the council erects proper speed limit signs and adopts and publishes an ordinance setting the limits, according to City Attorney Mark Vaughan.

A discussion on what to do with the old Elba school property brought differing opinions from various council members and Mayor Ricky Haywood.

The council approved a motion by John W. Sharpless to get an estimate of the appraisal cost on the former vocational building. He proposes offering that facility for sale at

public auction and then offers others as the demand arises. Council member Bill Brunson said he favored turning over to the Industrial Development Board any part of the property the city didn't need. He explained this board could work more freely with potential industries and could even help them get financing.

Haywood voiced the opinion that the council needed to decide exactly how much land was going to be allocated with each building before asking for appraisals or offering the properties for sale.

He also said he hoped they could realize enough money from the sale of various parts to be able to repair the front part of the old high school.

The mayor said public sentiment seemed to be in favor of preserving that and the football field. Monthly bills totaling \$15,010.12 were approved for payment. Haywood addressed a request made at the last meeting for \$500 fi-

nancial help for the JOBS program. He explained there was not an additional \$500 in the budget this year. Haywood recommended the council turn down the request this year but make plans to include them in the next annual budget.

As the meeting was about to adjourn Sharpless asked the mayor if the city had addressed the Freddie Hanchey situation. Haywood said they had not and indicated he didn't know anything else that could be done.

News not good on Mulberry paving project

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council heard a discouraging report on the progress of the paving project in Mulberry Heights.

This paving project began last fall and delays due to rainy weather have caused problems for the city and anguish among the residents on those streets. Many citizens report mounds of mud being tracked onto the carpets in their homes during the past eight months. Others tell of having been stuck in the mud and/or damage to their automobiles because of the construction delays.

At least two contract extensions were agreed upon by city officials because of the adverse weather conditions during the winter months. This work is being funded with federal grants. In addition to the im-

mediate problems of the residents on the streets involved, applying for other grants cannot be done until this project is completed.

Operations Officer Henry Clark told the council an effort was made that water just below the surface, was working back to the top, thus preventing any more paving. This is described as reacting like a wick on an old kerosene lamp and was happening on all the streets in the project, including those coated last week.

Clark said he was planning a meeting with the engineer this week to determine the next step. He said it is possible that new base material will have to be hauled in if the work is ever to be completed. The engineer will have to make that decision however.

A close reading of the paving contract will be necessary to determine exactly who will pay the cost of replacing the base material, according to Clark.

"There is no need to put down asphalt if it is going to be torn up in a few months because of poor basing," Clark explained.

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last week to move forward with the project when the contractor put a coating of tar on "a couple of streets." Then a shower of rain caused them to stop again. Monday of this week when they attempted to restart the paving, it was discovered

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Pearce said work should begin within a few days on the access road from the school to Taylor Mill Road. This road work is being done with the help of the Coffee County Engineer's office. An engineering unit from Ft. Rucker will do the actual road construction work.

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Commission to study county-wide recreation

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Compared to previous meetings, the Coffee County Commission held a relatively short meeting Monday morning.

Only three items of business were listed on the meeting's agenda - opening of herbicide bids, awarding bid for garbage pickup in the county, and Attorney Paul Young was listed to discuss the landfill and the requirements for being placed on the commission's meeting agenda.

Young was not present in Monday's meeting and a spokesperson for him asked that he be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

The awarding of the garbage pickup contract was postponed and the commissioners voted to adjourn Monday's meeting until 9:00 a.m. on May 17 - next Monday. A decision on the garbage contract bid will be made at that time.

Waste Away, Inc. was the low bidder. Their bid was \$8.98 per household per month. The sixty day time limit for the awarding of the bid runs out on May 22.

Commission Chairman Robert Stephens stated that the reason for the delay was "We're considering every part of it (the bid). We want to study it further."

Monday's meeting was more or less routine. The major discussion occurred when Commissioner Wendell Brooks made a motion pertaining to a county-wide recreation program for youngsters living in rural areas.

Brooks' motion was that the county establish and monitor a county-wide rural recreation program for county residents. The motion further stated that \$10,000 be allotted to each commission district and that a board - approved by the commission - be established to administer the program.

Each community receiving funds (\$10,000) would be required to provide 25% in matching funds and/or in-kind work.

Brooks' motion died for lack of a second. Although all members of the commission were in agreement that the idea was a good one, their concern was "Where is the money to fund this program going to come from?"

After his attempt to get immediate approval, Brooks offered a motion, at the encouragement of other commissioners, to appoint a committee to study a rural recreation program and bring a proposal back before the commission. The proposal is to include a recommendation on how to fund the program.

Commission Chairman Stephens appointed Commissioners Wendell Black, Lawrence Croel and Brooks to the study committee. Stephens also agreed to serve on the committee.

County Engineer Mark Pool

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Elba City Schools anticipate no cash flow problem

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Elba school board members heard some good news last Thursday night when Superintendent Charles Pearce reviewed the financial statement with them and said, "I anticipate no cash flow problem when school starts."

Mrs. Myra Rhoades was named as new chairman of the board in the annual board realignment, replacing Mr. Bob Robertson. Mr. Eddie Kelley was named Vice Chairman. The board also accepted a recommendation by Pearce and adopted two additions to the board policy manual. Both changes deal with wearing apparel and other possessions.

The board approved the delivery of non-renewal letters to all non-

tenured personnel. This is done annually while the school awaits final legislative approval of the school budget for the coming year. All employees, both teachers and support personnel, get the "firing letter." Once the budget is approved and the actual amount of teacher pay funds are available, many of these will be rehired.

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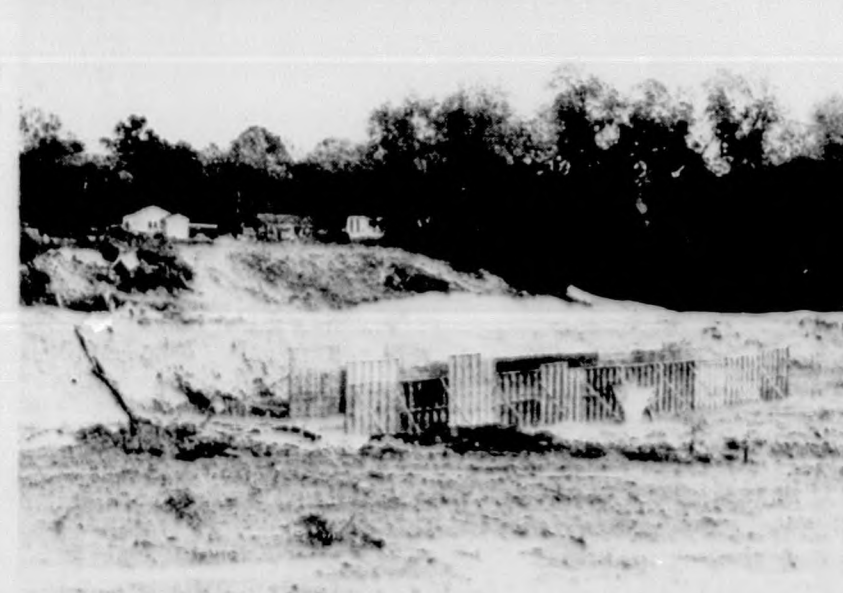
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BRIDGE PROJECTS UNDERWAY



KINSTON HIGHWAY BRIDGE-CULVERT is completed and the final touches are being made to the bridge approaches. Travel on AL Hwy. 189S should be returning to normal in the very near future.



CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN on the bridge-culvert in preparation for the re-routing of U.S. Hwy. 84W through Elba. Workers are building forms so that the concrete can be poured.

HAPPENINGS

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. The Elba Christian Mission will be celebrating its first year anniversary on May 18, 1993 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to come join in the celebration. There will be door prizes and refreshments. The store is located at 312 Simmons Street on the Square in downtown Elba.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 17, 1993. The meeting will be held in the community room at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton. A decision is expected to be made concerning the garbage collection contract for the county.

MISS COFFEE COUNTY PAGEANT. A Miss Coffee County and Little Miss Coffee County Pageant will be held 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 15, 1993, in the Elba High School Auditorium. The pageant is being sponsored by the Elba PTO.